

REMARKS

Consideration of the application and the amendments above is respectfully requested.

In the specification, the new paragraph to be inserted on page 1, line 4, was added after the "TITLE OF THE INVENTION" paragraph on page 1, lines 1-3 and before the "BACKGROUND OF INVENTION" paragraph, to provide the family history of the present application. This amendment does not add new matter to the present application.

No new matter is being added to the above-captioned application by the submission of the Abstract of the Invention, because it is identical to that in the priority document PCT/US03/09800

For the Examiner's convenience, a separate sheet for the Abstract of the Invention (page 189) is enclosed for inclusion with the specification of the U.S. National Phase Application being filed.

Claims 1 to 30 were pending during Chapter II of the PCT application. Claims 25 to 30 have been cancelled. Claims 1 to 24 are pending in the present application.

Applicants respectfully contend that the application is allowable, and a favorable response from the Examiner is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

By



Catherine D. Fitch, Reg. No. 36,502  
Attorney for Applicants

MERCK & CO., Inc.  
P.O. Box 2000  
Rahway, New Jersey 07065-0907  
Tel: (732)594-4283

September 27, 2004